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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington St.
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Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, #G-01551A-10-0458

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners,

As a Southwest Gas customer and an Arizonan who is very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills higher and higher.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

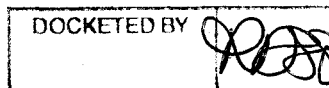
As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mr. Jim Lawrence

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